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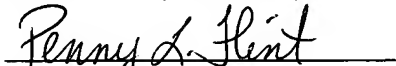
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**RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 6, 2004**

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DATED: February 7, 2005

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 6, 2004, for which the three-month shortened statutory period is set to expire on January 6, 2005. A petition for a one month extension of time is filed herewith. (Authorization to charge the appropriate deposit account is given in the accompanying Transmittal). While it is believed that no additional fees are necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to grant any needed extension of time and to charge any additional fees which may be required for this Response, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0439.

**Amendments to the Specification** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper. Consideration of the Remarks that follow is respectfully requested.